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OLD ROCK
HEY, WHADDYA THINK OF NORAH JONES? I HEARD SHE'S NOMINATED FOR 8 GRAMMY'S THIS YEAR.
THIS IS HER SONG YEAH, HER POPS IS A FAMOUS INDIAN MUSICIAN.
YOU HEARD HIS MUSIC? I HAVEN'T GOTTEN INTO IT, 'CAUSE I CAN'T STAND VINTAGE STUFF.
OH, AND DON'T LOOK NOW, BUT DON'T YOU THINK SOMETHING'S UP WITH THOSE TWO?
I CAN'T HELP IT. I JUST KEEP NOTICING THEM.
DON'T LET IT FREAK YOUR SHIT.

HWAHAE, YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE IN A REAL BAD MOOD TODAY
I'M IN A REAL BAD MOOD.
I AM.
DUDE~, YOU LOOK LIKE A LIGHTWEIGHT, BUT YOU CAN REALLY CHUG IT DOWN.
YEAH, I'VE NEVER DRANK THIS MUCH...
I THINK I'M ALREADY DRUNK.

SNIFF
HUHH... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
SNIFF. SNIFF.
YOU'VE GOT A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE YOU'RE WASTED
BUT I'M AFRAID HE'LL STILL SNAP BACK TO ACTING THAT WAY. LIKE A RUBBER BAND
WHEN YOU SHUNNED ME, I COULDN'T BREATHE. IT FELT HEAVIER THAN DEATH
YOU STILL HAVE THOSE SAME EYES...
THEY NEVER CHANGE, DO THEY?

WHAT ABOUT MY EYES?
THEY'RE LIKE A FULL LUNCH BOX...
'CAUSE THEY'RE PACKED.
WHAT KIND OF DESCRIPTION IS THAT? I CAN'T TELL IF THAT WAS A COMPLIMENT OR AN INSULT.
EEK
THEY CALM YOU DOWN... SO I GUESS IT'S A COMPLIMENT.
LOOK AT THEM AGAIN WHEN I M SHAKEN.
AS MUCH AS THEY SEEM CALMING AND FULL, THEY TREMBLE A LOT, TOO.
HEY! I'VE SEEN LOUD EMPTY LUNCH BOXES RATTLE AROUND BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN A FULL ONE MAKE NOISE
HMM! DO YOU KNOW HOW CORNY OUR CONVERSATIONS ARE?
YOU WANNA DANCE?
RIGHT HERE?

YEAH, WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?
HWAHAE! SPIN SOME GOOD SHIT!
O...OKAY.
THE MUSIC'S KINDA LAME!
CHIKI- BOOM BOOM CHIKI, BOOM,
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM

HEY... SHOULD WE GO UP THERE, TOO?
HOOBASTANK
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
OMIGOD THOSE TWO GUYS LOOK SO COOL!
THEY'RE HOTTIES, TO BOOT!
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM

HEY! YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE TOTALLY FADED, JAEHEE.
YEAH... I'M DRUNK.
SHOULD WE GET GOING NOW?
WHERE...

THOSE BASTARDS...
BOOP BOOP
I'M THE ONE WHO DOESN'T WANT TO SEND YOU OFF!
LET'S... STAY TOGETHER TONIGHT.
RING...

HELLO?
YAH, IT'S ME, HWANG. DAL-HE'S WITH SOME PUNK
THEY'VE BEEN HERE FOR A WHILE.
FOR A WHILE--?
WHY ARE YOU CALLING ME NOW? I TOLD YOU, FATHER'S BEEN LOOKING FOR HIM! DAMN IT!
WHAT THE HELL WAS I SUPPOSED TO DO ABOUT IT?
JUST SEND HIM HOME RIGHT NOW! FATHER'S REAL UPSET.
THAT'S GONNA BE TOUGH, HE'S BEEN IGNORING ME ALL NIGHT!
OH--! LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE LEAVING NOW.

HEY! JUST FIND OUT WHERE DAI'S HEADED TO!
FA...FATHER!
TAKE ME THERE, NOW!
SORRY?
RIGHT THIS SECOND--I TAKE ME TO WHERE THAT PUNK IS.

"IT IS NOT
THE PERFECT,
BUT THE IMPERFECT,

WHO HAVE NEED
OF LOVE."

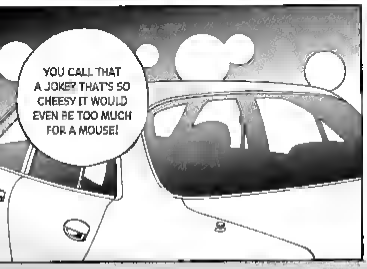
-OSCAR WILDE

THE CAB CARRIED US INTO THE STREETS CLOAKED BY THE DEEP NIGHT. ONE BY ONE THE STREET LIGHTS SEEMED TO BECOME ABANDONED CHILDREN CRYING OUT BEHIND US

WHILE DAI AND I SUNK INTO THE WARMTH OF OUR BODIES. WE FINALLY DRANK IN PARCHED DESIRES, EXHAUSTED FROM THE WAIT

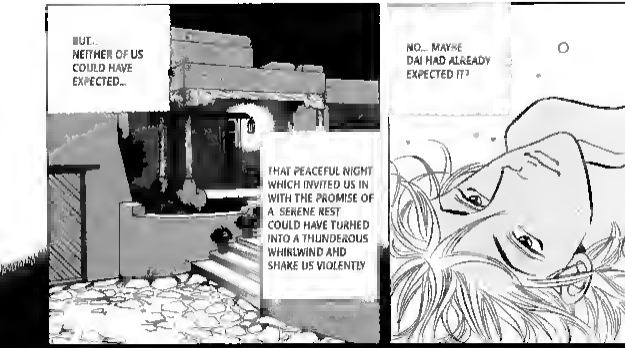
WHERE SHOULD WE GO?
TO A REAL COOL PLACE... WHERE THERE ARE NO STREETLIGHTS OR PEOPLE. TO A REAL COOL PLACE...
WHERE COULD WE FIND SUCH A PLACE?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, WHERE? THE CEMETERY! ISN'T THAT OBVIOUS?

SHEESH~! IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOMEWHERE LIKE THAT, WHY DO WE HAVE TO GO TO A CEMETERY?
WE COULD JUST GO INTO ANY MOUNTAIN.
YOU LAME ASS! CAN'T YOU TAKE A JOKE?
WHADDYA, CRAZY? TO GO HIDE OUT IN A MOUNTAIN IN THIS COLD?!


YOU CALL THAT A JOKE? THAT'S SO CHEESY IT WOULD EVEN BE TOO MUCH FOR A MOUSE!

TAKE US TO HONGCHUN, PLEASE.

THAT NIGHT... WE COULD FREE OURSELVES FROM EVERYTHING WITH INDIFFERENCE MAYBE BECAUSE WE WERE DRUNK.



WAS... LIFE SUCH A THING?
NOBODY ASKED YOU TO BE ACCOUNTABLE.
YET LIFE WAS STILL BOUND TO
SHACKLES LIKE THE ORIGINAL SIN
THAT CALLED THEMSELVES RESPONSIBILITY

BUT WHO WAS IT SUPPOSED TO BE FOR?

HUB BUB..
HUB BUB..

DAI! I THINK SOMEBODY'S HERE!
HUH?
SHREEK

Shit!
DAMMIT!
WHAT IS IT?
ドドド
YOU TWO...
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!

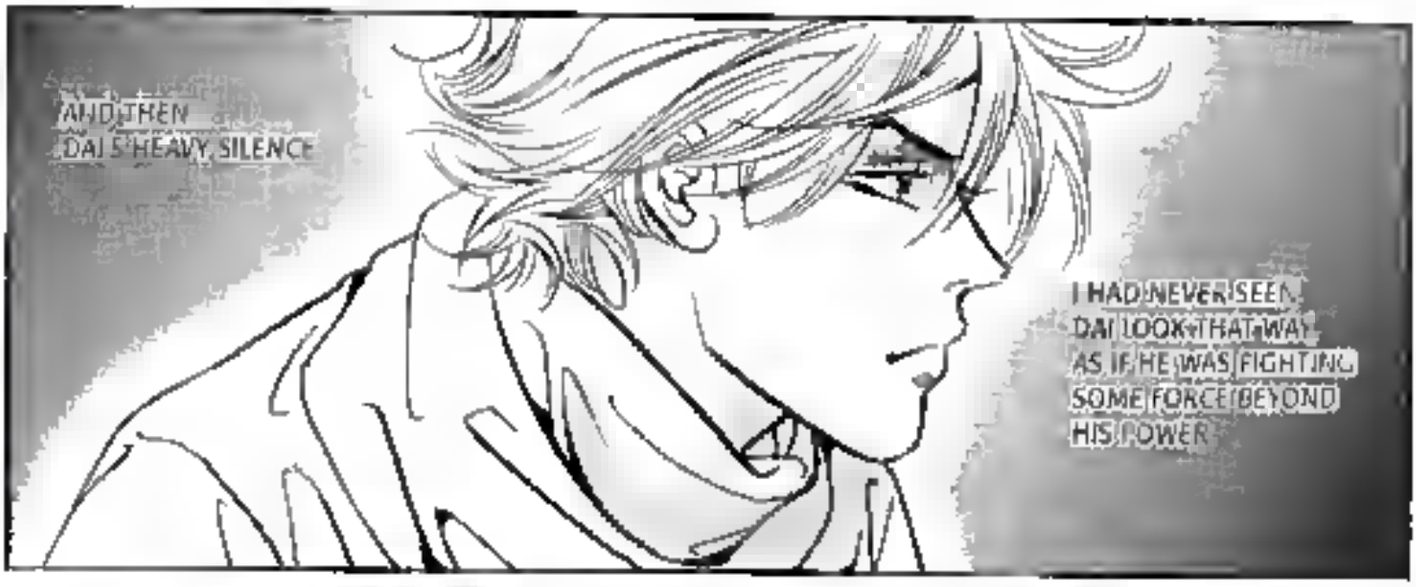
THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO KNOW!
YOU AND FATHER... WHY DO YOU TWO KEEP TREATING EACH OTHER LIKE THIS?
WHY IS HE ASKING ME TO DRAG YOU HOME? WHAT THE HELL HAS GONE SO FAR HE SENT BODYGUARDS TO GO WITH ME?
DON'T EVEN BRING HIM UP!
H...HI.
JUST THEN DAI'S BROTHER GAVE ME A LOOK THAT WAS NONE TOO FRIENDLY
SO IT'S YOU. YOU'RE YOONEUN'S LOVER. WHY THE HELL... IS EVERYONE LOSING IT OVER YOU?
JUST WHO ARE YOU? WHAT THE HELL DO YOU HAVE, ANYWAY?

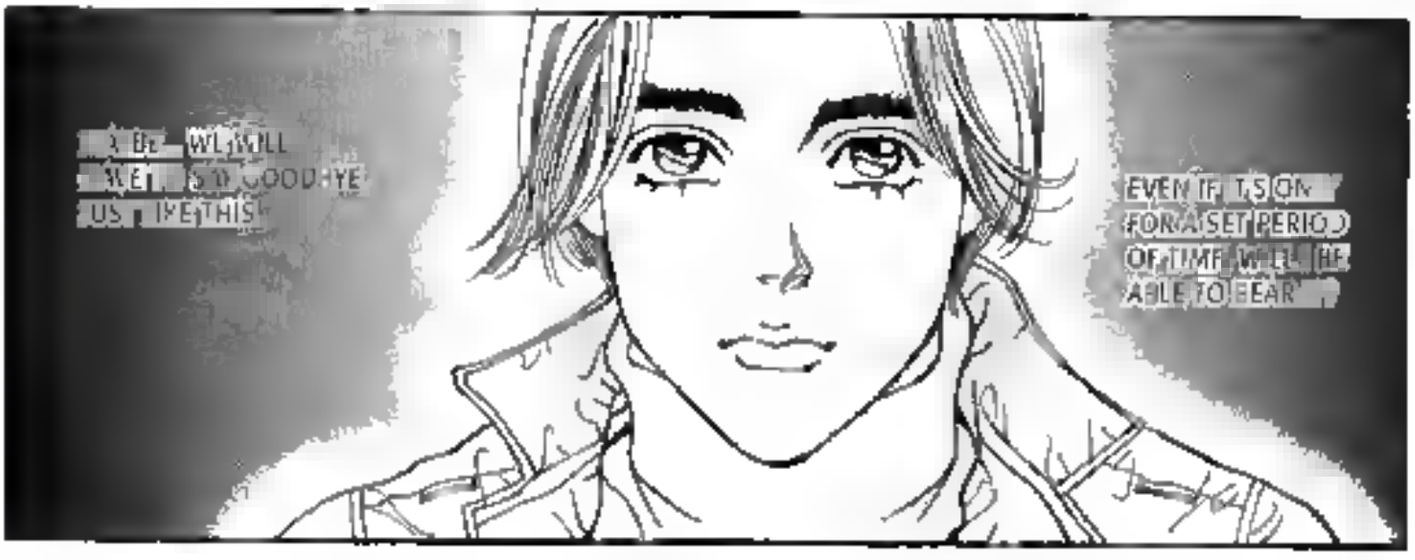
LET'S CHANGE.
OH... OKAY.
THERE WAS AN AWKWARD MOMENT JUST LIKE THIS ONE WHEN I MET DAI'S DAD THAT TIME
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT... YEAH...
I THINK I UNDERSTAND NOW, WHAT DAI MEANT BY SAYING I WAS "DEAD TO HIM" UNTIL GRADUATION.
I EVEN UNDERSTAND WHAT DAI'S BROTHER JUST SAID!

...
PLEASE GET IN THE CAR, NOW!
WHAP
LET GO!

DON'T TOUCH SO MUCH AS A HAIR ON MY HEAD FROM NOW ON.
IF YOU DO, NEITHER OF US WILL MAKE IT OUT ALIVE.
YOUR FATHER ORDERED US TO BRING YOU BACK, NO MATTER...
I AM GOING BACK,
BUT WITH MY FRIEND.

IF WE WERE TALKING PHYSICALLY DAI COULDN'T TAKE THEM OUT
IN THE END WE GOT INTO A CAR, BUT CAME UP TO SEOUL SURROUNDED BY THE BODYGUARD'S CARS.
BUT FOR SOME REASON THE BODYGUARDS LISTENED TO DAI WITHOUT QUESTION.


AND THEN DAI'S HEAVY SILENCE
I HAD NEVER SEEN DAI LOOK THAT WAY AS IF HE WAS FIGHTING SOME FORCE BEYOND HIS POWER


WE WILL
US
EVEN IF IT IS ON FOR A SET PERIOD OF TIME WE'LL BE ABLE TO BEAR

DAI.. YOU AND I... IS THIS EVEN A POSSIBLE THING?
TELL ME WHERE WE'RE GOING RIGHT NOW AND WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND!
SAY SOMETHING! JUST WAITING IN SILENCE ISN'T GONNA CHANGE ANYTHING!
I DON'T CARE WHAT JUST SAY SOMETHING!
GET OFF. LET'S SAY EYE SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE
BUT I COULDN'T SAY A THING, BECAUSE I WAS TOO CHOKED I...

TAK
I'LL CALL YOU~!
DON'T CALL.
WHAT?

DAI LEFT, AND I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING IN FRONT OF ME.

THIS ISN'T THE LAST TIME!

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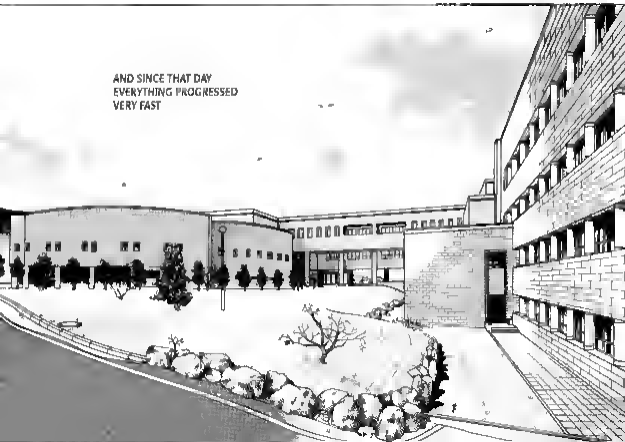
THIS ISN'T THE LAST TIME!

I MUMBLED THAT TO MYSELF WITH CONVICTION.

THIS ISN'T THE LAST TIME!



THAT'S OF NO IMPORTANCE. NO MATTER WHAT THE REASON IS I CAN'T SEND DAI TO A SCHOOL WHERE THAT BOY GOES.
BUT STILL... THAT'S A BIT..
IF YOU DON'T TRANSFER THAT BOY OUT I'LL SEND DAI TO ANOTHER SCHOOL.
I'M SURE DAI WILL HAVE NO PROBLEM MOVING TO A PRESTIGIOUS HIGH SCHOOL, WITH THE FUNDS WE CONTRIBUTE TO WHATEVER SCHOOL HE ATTENDS.
GOODNESS! WHY ARE YOU BEING THIS WAY? PLEASE, CALM YOURSELF!
ALL WE MEAN IS THAT WE NEED A LITTLE MORE TIME...
TRANSFER?!

I'M DREAMING ...
STRANGELY I'M USED TO
THIS SORT OF PEACEFULNESS

...I THOUGHT I WAS SICK OFTEN...

BUT THIS FEELING OF HAPPINESS
KEEPS HAPPENING OVER AND OVER.

DAMN IT!
I FIGURED OUT
WHAT MY DREAM
MEANT
SHAAASHH—
HAAH...
THE FEELINGS FROM
THE DREAM—

STILL LINGER WITH ME
THU-THUMP
THU-THUMP
IT ALMOST FEELS LIKE IT WASN'T A DREAM
I THOUGHT I WAS WITH DAI...
BUT I COULDN'T SEE HIM.
THE SCHOOL'S URGING ME TO TRANSFER PUT ME INTO A MENTAL STATE OF SHOCK...
BUT HOW COULD I HAVE SUCH A SWEET DREAM?
WHAT—? TRANSFER—?!

YEAH!
YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT? THAT'LL ALREADY BE YOUR SECOND TRANSFER IN HIGH SCHOOL!
THE SCHOOL MADE THAT DECISION.
DO YOU MEAN THEY HAVE A DECENT REASON BEHIND THIS?
I GUESS THEY DO, BUT I'VE GOT A GOOD CASE MYSELF, FOR WANTING TO STAY.

LET'S CHANGE SCHOOLS.
!
JUST LIKE THAT? I WAS ACTUALLY STUNNED THAT THEY'D THROW ME OUT.
LISTEN UP, JAENEE! THIS MAY JUST BE THE BEGINNING OF THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING TO BE.
BUT DON'T BE AFRAID.
ONCE YOU LET FEAR GET THE BETTER OF YOU, THAT'S WHEN THINGS WILL BECOME HARD

ARE YOU PICKING UP ANY CLUES AS TO WHY THIS IS HAPPENING?
THUMP
THUMP
LET'S GET THE TRANSFER PROCEDURES OVER WITH TOMORROW.
I'LL TALK TO YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER WHEN I'M AT WORK.
WHAM
MOM... HAS CHANGED FOR SURE
ALL OF HER RESPONSES WITH ANYTHING CONCERNING ME HAVE BECOME OVERLY RAVE.
DID SHE DECIDE TO BECOME STRONG FOR THE LIFE OF HER SON WHO HAS LOST HIS NORMALCY?

I WENT BACK TO SCHOOL LATE SATURDAY AFTERNOON BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO PITY MYSELF ANY MORE AS IF I WAS BEING CAST OUT
IT WAS FOR BELONGINGS IN MY LOCKER THAT WERE COMFORTING TO ME AND TO MEET MS. CRANGELA.
I WAS HURT BUT I TRIED TO STAY DIGNIFIED
THAT WAS BECAUSE I HAD DECIDED NOT TO FIGHT WITH THE SCHOOL.
IT WAS COERCION DISGUISED AS KIND ADVICE. EVERY STEP OF THE PROCESS WAS DONE UNDER THE WRAPS

AS SOON AS MS. CRANGELA SAW ME, SHE BURST INTO TEARS.
PERHAPS SHE WENT THROUGH A LOT OH HER OWN...
THERE MUST BE... ANOTHER WAY...
I FEEL SO POWERLESS I M SORRY THIS IS ALL BECAUSE OF ME...
IF THAT HADN'T HAPPENED THAT TIME, THEY WOULDN'T HAVE AN EXCUSE TO SEND YOU OFF.
MS JIN, I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK YOU!
I'M NOT RUNNING AWAY FROM INJUSTICE.
I'M WALKING BACKWARDS SO THAT I CAN GET A BETTER HEAD START WHEN I GO TO TAKE A FLYING LEAP.

THE VICE PRINCIPAL ISN'T THE MOST PROBLEMATIC THING.
BUT IF THIS PROBLEM SURFACES, THEN GOOHEE WON'T BE ABLE TO AVOID GETTING EXPELLED.
YOU KNOW YOU HAVE MANY STUDENTS YOU CAN NEVER GIVE UP ON IN THIS SCHOOL.
YOU CAN'T GIVE UP ON GOOHEE, MS. JIN.
YES, BUT YOU GUYS ARE... ALL BECAUSE OF ME...
NO, THAT'S NOT TRUE EITHER. YOU'RE NOT TO BLAME FOR NARU'S AND MY SITUATION.
IF I THINK ABOUT IT TOO MANY THINGS HAPPENED TO ME AT THIS SCHOOL.
IT WAS A SHORT TIME... BUT I WAS ABLE TO STAY WITH GOOHEE, NARU AND DAI. HOW COULD I FORGET THOSE TIMES?

HEY! I TOLD YOU TO BRING ME PICTURES OF CRANGELA. WHO TOLD YOU TO BRING ME THESE BLANK PIECES OF CRAP?
UH... OKAY, I'LL JUST GO BACK AND TAKE SOME FOR YOU?!
RETARD! GET YOUR SHIT TOGETHER! THIS IS WHY YOU'RE SUCH A DIPSHIT.
THERE AIN'T ANY HOT BITCHES OTHER THAN CRANGELA IN THE WHOLE STUPID SCHOOL.
HEY! DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT, DUDE! IF YOU STICK OUT TOWARDS HER, THEN YOUR LIFE WILL BE FLIPPED UPSIDE-DOWN!

I'LL BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO BE HER SPECIAL LITTLE DWEEB.
HEY, I AIN'T KIDDING!
DON'T YOU KNOW THAT DAI LEE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO DIDN'T FALL UNDER HER GOODY-GOODY SPELL?
OH YEAH?
WHAT'S DAI UP TO THESE DAYS, ANYWAY?
HE'S ALMOST ALWAYS ALONE, AND IT LOOKS LIKE HE EVEN STUDIES ONCE IN A WHILE.
YEAH! EVERYONE ELSE SEEMS LIKE THEY'RE HOLDIN' BACK 'CAUSE DAI'S NOT UP TO ANYTHIN'.
THE FUCK?! YOU TELLING ME THAT ALL THIS TIME, I'VE BEEN KISSING ASS TO SOME SELL-OUT GANGSTER WHO ISN'T WORTH JACK SHIT ANYMORE?

BUT STILL, FOR SOME REASON, EVERYONE'S SCARED SHITLESS AROUND HIM.
IF DAI SO MUCH AS LOOKS 'EM IN THE EYE, THEY FREEZE UP.
HE'S GOT EYES LIKE FUCKIN DAGGERS, MAN. IT'S WAY INTENSE.
THAT'S ALL A BUNCH OF BULLSHIT!
NOW THAT I'VE ARRIVED IN THIS SCHOOL, DAI'S ERA IS GONNA BE SNUFFED.
HOW?
I LET HIM KICK MY ASS LAST TIME 'CAUSE HE'S MY UPPERCLASSMAN.
JUST WAIT AND WATCH! I'M GONNA PAY HIM BACK FOR THE SHIT THAT WENT DOWN IN THE GYM, FOR SURE.
EUN-YUNG... COULD I REALLY DO IT WITH MY LOVED ONES LEFT BEHIND?

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MY HEART EXPLODES
EVEN IF I MOVE AWAY
A LITTLE BIT JUST LIKE THIS
FROM MY LOVE
aein

PEOPLE WHO ARE ALIVE ONLY AND LAMENT FOR THE DEAD...
BUT THE TRULY PITIFUL ONES ARE
THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THOSE THEY LOVE, BUT WHO STILL HAVE TO LIVE ON.
WOULD YOU KNOW THE AGONY OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE LEFT BEHIND?

VIEW 23.
AN ABYSS DEEPER THAN DEATH

EVER SINCE I TRANSFERRED TO THIS NEW SCHOOL, I'VE BEEN THIRSTING FOR DAI AS IF HE WAS MY ADDICTION.
WHEN DID YOU GET HERE?
!
DAI!
I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU NOT TO CONTACT ME WITHOUT HEARING FROM ME FIRST.

YOU'RE A COWARD!
WHAT?
YOU KNOW HOW MANY TIMES I'VE CALLED YOU?
PAT
PAT
WHAT'S THIS? HERE, WHY DON'T YOU LOOK AT HOW MANY TIMES I CALLED YOU TODAY?

THWP!
BAM
WHAM
KRUNCH

PAT
KRRRACK
WHA.. WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
DON'T EVER CONTACT ME FROM NOW ON
LOOK. YOU SAW THAT, RIGHT?

WHAT ARE YOU, CRAZY?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE IT THIS FAR!
WE'RE NOT LIKE OTHER COUPLES. WE DON'T HAVE THE LUXURY OF BEING LOVEY DOVEY DRAMA QUEENS IN FRONT OF PEOPLE!
WE DON'T HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF GETTING ANGRY, PISSED OFF, OR MISUNDERSTANDING EACH OTHER. ALL THOSE RETARDED THINGS!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT? THAT SOUNDS LIKE OUR RELATIONSHIP IS SOME KIND OF BURDEN YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO GET RID OF.
ALL THOSE THINGS MAY LOOK LIKE SOME SORT OF DATING GAME TO YOU,
GETTING ANGRY, PISSED OFF, AND MISUNDERSTANDING EACH OTHER, ARE THINGS THAT ARE ALWAYS HAUNTING ME!

ARE YOU TELLING ME THAT YOU DON'T CARE WHAT THE HELL HAPPENS TO ME?
COME HERE.
YOU'RE STILL CARRYING IT WELL.

GOOD, THESE EYES...
KEEP 'EM WELL!
NOW, GO!
WHAT?
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN? I CAME HERE BECAUSE I HAD SOMETHING TO SAY.
WHY ARE YOU STILL IN MY FACE?!
DON'T EVER LOOK FOR ME!

WHY ARE YOU OUT HERE?
I WAS ABOUT TO GO IN.
DAI!
YOU STILL HAVEN'T COME TO YOUR SENSES? WHY ARE YOU STILL OUT CAVORTING AROUND AT THIS HOUR?
DAI'S FATHER...
YEAH.
PATHETIC FOOL.

IT'S BETTER NOT TO SAY STUPID THINGS LIKE FAREWELL OR GOODBYE.
BECAUSE THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS THE LAST TIME BETWEEN YOU AND ME.
HOW DO I KNOW THIS?
I KNOW IT BECAUSE I AM YOU

CLK
IT'S NOT WORKING!
I SAW HIM... HE'S STILL MEETING THAT KID. RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE, NO LESS
RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE?
HE MUST HAVE COMPLETELY LOST IT.
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU GOING TO DO? I GAVE YOU THAT RESPONSIBILITY!
GOD! I'VE DONE ALL THAT I COULD!

DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY PHONE CALLS I'VE MADE TO HIS VICE PRINCIPAL? I'VE EVEN MET WITH THAT TEACHER OF HIS.
THAT'S HOW WE WERE ABLE TO GET THAT KID SENT TO ANOTHER SCHOOL.
FOR DEVIANT KIDS LIKE HIM, KICKING HIM OUT OF SCHOOL ISN'T ENOUGH!
WE NEED TO TAKE MORE DRASTIC MEASURES.

THUMP
THUMP
JAEHEE!
IS JAEHEE YOO HERE?
!
JAEHEE YOO TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER SCHOOL LAST WEEK.
!

WASN'T THAT DAI LEE, THE SENIOR?
YEAH, IT WAS.
WHAT WAS HE DOING LOOKING FOR JAHEE YOO SO EARLY IN THE MORNING?
DUNNO.

OH...
!
MS. JIN~, C'MON, TELL US
WHY DO YOU SUDDENLY SO INTERESTED IN WHAT I DO IN MY SPARE TIME?
ACTUALLY, I NEED YOU GUYS TO HELP ME WITH THIS NEXT EVENT THAT I'M IN CHARGE OF.
DA!
I NEED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT SOMETHING.
CAN YOU GIVE ME A MINUTE? WE'RE ALMOST FINISHED TALKING HERE!
YOU THREE, BEAT IT. RIGHT NOW!
!

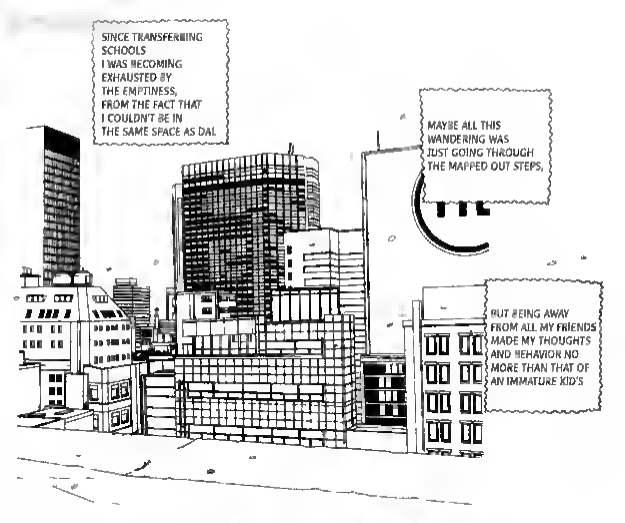
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY, #!@ GUY?!
BEAT IT!
.....
I SAID, BEAT IT!
DAI.

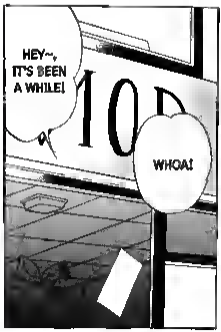
GUYS, LET'S BEAT IT.
IT'S ABOUT TIME WE BEAT IT.
WE'RE GONNA BEAT IT.
JAEHEE...
.....
WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM? DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT?
IT'S... MY FAULT.

I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT KIND OF CRAP. JUST TELL ME WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED!
IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF YOU, ISN'T IT?!
YES.
SO THIS IS WHAT YOU CALL A SCHOOL? WHERE RIGHTEOUS TEACHERS LIKE YOURSELF WORK?
THIS IS THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION THAT DISCUSSES HUMAN RIGHTS AND TEACHES UPSTANDING BEHAVIOR AND JUSTICE, HUH?!

IS THAT WHY WE HAVE SCHOOLS? TO MAKE AN ABSURD SYSTEM WITH AN UNBREAKABLE STRUCTURE.
AND FROM THE GET-GO CATEGORIZE THE STUDENTS WHO CAN'T ADAPT TO IT AS REJECTS OR CRIMINALS?
DAI.
YOU WANT ME TO BOW DOWN TO AN AUTHORITY THAT I HAVE NO RESPECT FOR?
WHY ARE YOU SO DYING TO TEACH ME THAT?
IN THIS DUMP, IT'S A NECESSITY TO KISS ASS TO YOUR TEACHERS WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT.
AND FOR KIDS TO TURN THEIR BACKS ON THEIR FRIENDS, JUST BECAUSE OF THEIR TEST RESULTS.
SLAP
YOU'RE A PIECE OF TRASH, JUST LIKE ALL THE OTHERS!

!
I'M... I'M SORRY.
I KNOW I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO USE VIOLENCE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.
WHY...
WHY...
DIDN'T YOU PROTECT HIM?
WHY WEREN'T YOU THERE FOR HIM AS YOU WERE FOR ME?


SINCE TRANSFERRING SCHOOLS I WAS BECOMING EXHAUSTED BY THE EMPTINESS, FROM THE FACT THAT I COULDN'T BE IN THE SAME SPACE AS DAI
MAYBE ALL THIS WANDERING WAS JUST GOING THROUGH THE MAPPED OUT STEPS,
BUT BEING AWAY FROM ALL MY FRIENDS MADE MY THOUGHTS AND BEHAVIOR NO MORE THAN THAT OF AN IMMATURE KID'S


HEY~, IT'S BEEN A WHILE!
WHOA!

I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D ACTUALLY COME TO SEE ME.
HONESTLY, I WANTED TO COME SOONER.

YEAH, I KNOW. NOT BEING ABLE TO SEE THIS GOOD LOOKING FACE IS THE BEGINNING OF A DOOMED LIFE, LIKE YOU'D JUST SAT ON A BOMB.
THANK YOU, MY FRIEND.
FOR GIVING ME YOUR EXCELLENT ADVICE REGARDING MY MISFORTUNE OF NOT RECOGNIZING YOUR GOOD LOOKS.
OKAY, THE END OF MISFORTUNE. THE BEGINNING OF HAPPINESS!
THEN GIVE ME THE HAPPINESS NOW
LOOK AT ME!
DAZZLE
TWINKLE
PERFECT LOOK
THE CONDITION OF HAPPINESS

BARF
WOW, YOU'RE SO HAPPY YOU LITERALLY CAN'T HOLD IT IN!
I JUST REALIZED THAT MY UNFORTUNATE PAST WITHOUT YOU WAS ACTUALLY HAPPINESS.
ANYWAY, WHAT'S THE ALMIGHTY NARU GOING TO DO FROM NOW ON?
WHOA~, YOU'RE TOO LATE WITH YOUR QUESTIONS.
WELL... YOU'RE THE KIND OF GUY WHO ALWAYS HAS HIS GOALS...
FOR NOW... I'M GONNA MAKE MONEY, 'CAUSE I'M A REALIST
AND I'VE DECIDED TO THINK ONLY HAPPY THOUGHTS, AT LEAST FOR NOW.

LOOK. HERE'S A PICTURE THAT'LL MAKE US HAPPY.
NARU, THIS IS...
I SNATCHED ALL OF THEM FROM SEHEE.
IN THE END, SHE HAD TO SURRENDER THEM TO MY GOOD LOOKS.
SHE PROBABLY JUST SURRENDERED THEM TO YOUR STUBBORN ASS.
IN THE PICTURE...
IT SEEMS AS IF THE SHADOW OF DEATH WAS CAST OVER EUNHYUNG FROM MANY SIDES...
ALTHOUGH I'VE ONLY JUST REALIZED THIS

INSIDE THIS PICTURE
THERE'S SOMETHING
MORE THAN...
SADNESS AND PITY...
GUILT...
AND SYMPATHY.

WHAT COULD IT BE?
WHAT KIND OF POWER
COULD HAVE BROUGHT
OUT SUCH A SMILE
FROM EUNHYUNG'S HEART
THAT HAD BECOME
THE WRECKAGE?

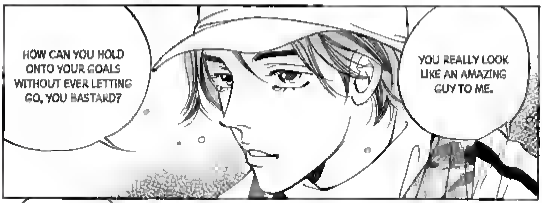
SPROUTS KEEP
SHOOTING FROM
THE GROUND
EVEN IF YOU STEP ON
THEM AGAIN AND AGAIN

I WONDER IF THAT
SORT OF POWER IS
THE SOURCE OF OUR
STRENGTH

JUST LIKE THAT..

IF YOU PUSHED THROUGH
THAT MOMENT'S CRISIS LIKE THAT
WOULD YOU BE HERE WITH US
RIGHT NOW EUNHYUNG?

HEY, WHAT'S UP WITH THAT LOOK ON YOUR FACE?


HOW CAN YOU HOLD ONTO YOUR GOALS WITHOUT EVER LETTING GO, YOU BASTARD?
YOU REALLY LOOK LIKE AN AMAZING GUY TO ME.

WHAT IF YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH HER AGAIN?
THEN, I'LL JUST FALL IN LOVE AGAIN.
I'M GONNA LIVE A LIFE THAT'S HONEST TO MYSELF.
I'VE LEARNED LOVE THROUGH EUNHYUNG, SO I'M SURE SHE'LL CHEER ME ON.

NARU...
DO YOU THINK WHAT WE'VE FELT IS REALLY LOVE?
YEAH.
EVEN IF IT CHANGES EVERY DAY, IF YOU FEEL LOVE TODAY, IT'S STILL LOVE!
ISN'T THAT THE MOST HONEST THING?
HOW BURDENSOME THE LOOK OF ADMIRATION...
THE MORE I LOOK AT HIM THE MORE AMAZING HE SEEMS..
HOW DID YOU GET A JOB HERE?
I'M SURE THAT WITH THE SHAPE OUR COUNTRY'S IN RIGHT NOW, IT'S TOUGHER TO GET A JOB AS AN UNDERAGE KID.
BAM.
CAN YOU... REALLY BE SURE OF IT?

I TOLD YOU NOT TO SLACK OFF!
M...MOM.
SO, IT WAS YOUR MOM'S STORE.
GOODNESS, YOU'VE COME TO VISIT US, JAEHEE.
IF YOU'RE SHORT ON A JINGLE BILL YOU'RE DEAD MEAT
ISN'T MY MOM'S ABILITY TO ADAPT AMAZING?
SHE'S GONE BACK TO HER NORMAL SELF, WAY TOO FAST
THANKS, HONEY!
PLUS, SHE'S DEIFYING MY DAD.
OUR BUSINESS IS DOING SO WELL!

THANKS NARU FOR SHOWING ME THAT YOU CAN STILL SMILE.
THANKS.
I'M SURE IT'S HARD TO JUST BEAR THE PUBLIC EYE, FULL OF PREJUDICES AGAINST SCHOOL DROPOUTS.
BUT YOU'RE STILL CHARGING TOWARDS YOUR DREAMS. YOU LOOK VERY DEFIANT
THE PERSON WHO'D ONCE GONE THROUGH SO MUCH IN THE PAST NOW LOOKS VERY HAPPY.
ARE YOU TELLING ME THAT YOU DON'T CARE WHAT THE HELL HAPPENS TO ME?
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN? I CAME HERE BECAUSE I HAD SOMETHING TO SAY.

WAIT! WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN? I CAME HERE BECAUSE I HAD SOMETHING TO SAY
KRAM
W...WHAT THE, WHAT'S A FRESHMAN DOING IN THIS CLASS?
WHAT, A FRESHMAN CAN'T COME TO AN UPPERCLASS MAN'S CLASS?
HEY! THIS IS DAI LEE'S CLASS!
HEY!
I CAME TO MEET DAI LEE!

IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
SENIORS CLASSROOM SURE IS DIFFERENT
IT'S FULL OF THE DESIRE TO STUDY.
YOU...
ARE YOU SERIOUSLY HOPING THAT I'LL FIGHT YOU?
IS THAT IT?

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I'M HONORED THAT YOU THINK OF IT THAT WAY!
STOP!
BAM
THWAP

BAM!
LISTEN UP!
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN SOME PATHETIC THING LIKE HAVING IT OUT WITH ANYONE, JUST TO SHOW OFF.
PTOOEY

I DON'T HAVE THE ATTENTION SPAN TO WASTE TIME ON SCUMBAGS LIKE YOU!
THEN LET'S CUT THE CRAP OF HOLDING BACK, AND DO THIS LIKE REAL MEN
HUKK!
GET LOST!
WHAM
... I'M NOT SOMEONE YOU CAN HANDLE.
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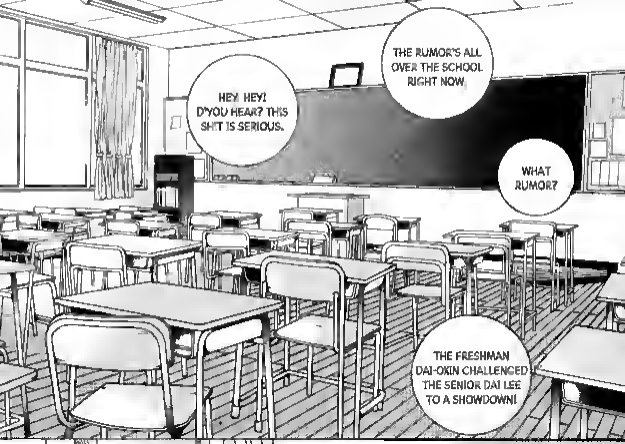
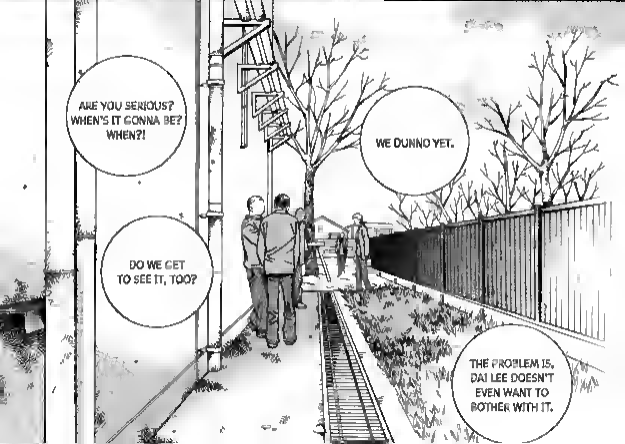

HEY HEY! D'YOU HEAR? THIS SHIT IS SERIOUS.
THE RUMOR'S ALL OVER THE SCHOOL RIGHT NOW.
WHAT RUMOR?
THE FRESHMAN DAI-OKIN CHALLENGED THE SENIOR DAI LEE TO A SHOWDOWN!


ARE YOU SERIOUS? WHEN'S IT GONNA BE? WHEN?!
WE DUNNO YET.
DO WE GET TO SEE IT, TOO?
THE PROBLEM IS, DAI LEE DOESN'T EVEN WANT TO BOTHER WITH IT.

A TON OF PEOPLE THINK THAT DAI LEE IS AVOIDING THE FACE-OFF ON PURPOSE.
IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S MOSTLY THE FRESHMEN WHO BELIEVE THAT.
WELL, NOBODY IN OUR SCHOOL HAS EVER EVEN SEEN DAI FIGHT.
BUT I'M SURE HE'S SO INFAMOUS FOR A REASON...
STILL--, IF YOU LOOK AT WHAT A HULKING MONSTER DAI-OXIN IS, EVEN DAI LEE AND HIS REPUTATION...
YOU'RE RIGHT... THE SIZE OF DAI-OXIN IS NO JOKE.
LOOK AT THAT! ALL THE SENIORS WHO GOT LET DOWN BY DAI ARE ALL CROWDING AROUND.

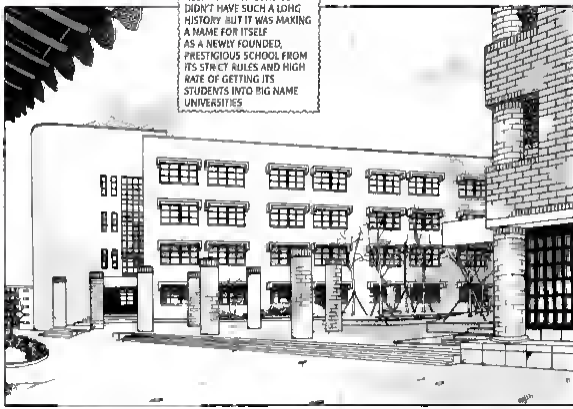
THEY SAY THOSE GUYS USED TO RUN THINGS AT THIS SCHOOL, EVEN THOUGH SINCE THEN THEY'VE GOTTEN THEIR SHIT TOGETHER!
BUT DAI HIMSELF DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HE GIVES A DAMN.
SHH! DON'T STARE. THEY'RE LOOKING THIS WAY.
THERE'S A FREAKY VIBE GOIN ON IN SCHOOL.
SHEESH, BOSS! I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU WEREN'T GETTING INVOLVED IN FIGHTS WITH THESE BUMS ANYMORE.
YOU BET YOUR ASS I'M NOT. IF I GET INTO FIGHTS WITH THOSE LOSERS...

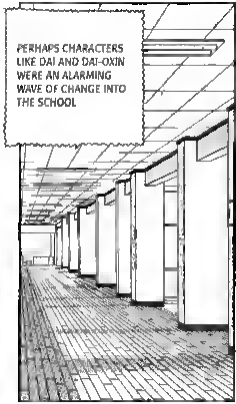
I CAN COUNT ON THE RESUME OF MY LIFE BEING PRETTY USELESS, AND LOSING NO MATTER WHAT I DO.
HOLY SHIT! WHAT AN INTELLIGENT SAYING... LET ME JOT THAT DOWN FOR HOW
STILL, I GOTTA SEE THE MUG ON THAT DAI-OXIN PUNK. WHO'S TRYING TO TAKE DAI LEE'S PLACE.
BOSS, THIS SURE SUITS YOU BETTER THAN WHEN YOU WERE PHILOSOPHIZING ON LOVE.
YOU'RE DRIVING A STAKE INTO THE MAN'S WOUNDED HEART, ONCE AGAIN.
BOSS—, LET'S JUST FINISH CLEANING UP!
WHAT IF THE STUDENT MONITOR UPS OUR CLEANING DUTY FOR ANOTHER WEEK?!
YEAH...

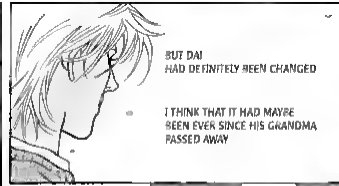
WHOOOSH!
KYAAACK!
WHA! WHAT THE... WHERE'D YOU POP OUT FROM?!
GRAND MASTER DAI!
DID I SURPRISE YOU?
HMMPH! SPEAK OF TH' DEVIL...
BOSS! YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO SAY THINGS LIKE THAT
WHAT'S THIS?

IT'S A SLEEPING BAG
THE HOISE WOKE ME UP.
WHY DON'T YOU UNLEASH TH' REAL MAN HIDIN' INSIDE YOU? WHEH YOU GONNA STOP AVOIDIN' THAT UNDERCLASSMAN?
YOU CAN HAVE HIM!
WHOA~, SO DOES THAT MEAN YOU'VE RUN OUT OF CRONIES TO PUNCH AROUND?
I HAVE A HOLE RIGHT HERE BECAUSE OF THE ROCK YOU KICKED AT ME, YO~.
LOOK, LOOK! DAMN YO! LOOK AT THIS FART THAT'S HOW GOIN ALL BALD...
YO BOSS, THAT'S DOPE! YOU'VE EVEN GOT THE COOL TO BE LIKE THIS IN FRONT OF DAI!
UH, I'M STANDING RIGHT HERE IN FRONT OF YOUR DAMN FACE.
OF COURSE, DAI'S WAY COOLER...

DID THE VICE PRESIDENT HAVE A HAND IN JAEHEE GETTING TRANSFERRED?
IS THERE... SOMETHING YOU KNOW?
EHH... ACTUALLY, THAT...


HEESUNG HIGH SCHOOL DIDN'T HAVE SUCH A LONG HISTORY BUT IT WAS MAKING A NAME FOR ITSELF AS A NEWLY FOUNDED, PRESTIGIOUS SCHOOL FROM ITS STRICT RULES AND HIGH RATE OF GETTING ITS STUDENTS INTO BIG NAME UNIVERSITIES


PERHAPS CHARACTERS LIKE DAI AND DAI-OXIN WERE AN ALARMING WAVE OF CHANGE INTO THE SCHOOL


BUT DAI HAD DEFINITELY BEEN CHANGED
I THINK THAT IT HAD MAYBE BEEN EVER SINCE HIS GRANDMA PASSED AWAY

WHILE DAI WAS TRYING TO REDUCE HIS IMAGE IN AN EXTREMELY LIMITED SPACE

DAI OKIN WAS DISPLAYING HIMSELF AS THE NEW GUY, AND WAS CREATING A RESTLESS ATMOSPHERE IN SCHOOL.
MOVE! GET OUTTA THE WAY!
JUST MOVE!
WHAT THE...? WHY DOES THIS SCHOOL HAVE SUCH A SHITTY ATMOSPHERE?
DID THAT KID STILL NOT GET INTO HIS FIGHT WITH THE SENIOR, DAI LEE?
HE'S MAKIN' ME CRY...
THAT WACKO'S BEEN EVEN LOUDER THAN USUAL RECENTLY.
ANYWAY... DIDN'T THAT KID... USED TO FOLLOW DAI LEE AROUND?
I WONDER IF DAI-OKIN DREW HIM IN.
HE MUST HAVE FIGURED OUT THAT DAI-OKIN WAS STRONGER THAN DAI.

IN NO TIME THE FACE OFF BETWEEN DAI AND DAI OXIN WAS ACCEPTED AMONG THE STUDENTS AS A TRUTH THAT WOULD EVENTUALLY TAKE PLACE.
FOR THE KIDS, THEIR FACE OFF WAS AN INTENSE ENTERTAINMENT THAT WAS BEING THROWN INTO THEIR USUALLY ROUTINE MUNDANE LIVES.
THEY NOW HAD AN EXCUSE THAT WOULD BLOW UP OUR STRESS AND HEAVY SCHOOL
BUT NEITHER DAI NOR DAI-OXIN THREW EACH OTHER AN INVITATIONAL CHALLENGE!

LIKE A GAME OF CRAPS AT A FORBIDDEN GAMBLING TABLE STUDENTS WERE STIRRED
EVEN SPECIFIC DATES OF WHEN THE FIGHT WOULD BE CIRCLED AROUND
MANY OF THEM HAD THEIR HOPES SET ON DAI'S LEGENDARY HISTORY
THE SPECTATORS WHO COULDN'T BEAR THE EXCITEMENT WERE FLOCKING MORE TOWARDS THE CENTER OF THE RUMOR
BUT DAI WAS NEVER THE KIND OF PERSON WHO WANTED TO BE A RULER THAT WOULD REIGN OVER THE KIDS WITH THE POWER OF VIOLENCE.

THE SCAR THAT WAS LIKE THE SPARKLE OF THE KNIFE AND THE EYES OF THE HAWK... RISKINESS THAT CAPTURED YOUR EYES IN A SINGLE BRIEF MOMENT...
DAI'S AURA THAT EMITTED A DARK GOTHIC MOOD. HAD AN AWYSS ABOUT LIFE THAT WAS DIFFERENT FROM OURS
THAT WAS SOMETHING WE COULD NEVER MIMIC.
NO ONE COULD FULLY UNDERSTAND DAI

I FOCUSED ALL MY ENERGY INTO STUDYING TO ADAPT TO THE NEW SCHOOL.
IT WAS ALSO QUENCHING TO MY THIRST FOR DAI.
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YEAH... FOR NOW...

GETTING RID OF WHAT'S BLOCKING US FROM ONE ANOTHER ISN'T THE BEST THING TO DO
I'M NOT SO SLOW THAT I DON'T EVEN KNOW THAT
DAI, I'LL WAIT. UNTIL YOU CAN'T STAND NOT SEEING ME ANY LONGER, BECAUSE YOU MISS ME SO MUCH...
I'LL WAIT.
COME ON IN.
DID YOU ASK FOR ME?

HA HA! HOW'S SCHOOL TREATING YOU THESE DAYS?
YOU WANT TO HEAR ABOUT IT?
OF COURSE I WOULD! ISN'T THAT ONLY NATURAL? STUDENTS ARE A TEACHER'S PRIMARY CONCERN.
IS THAT... RIGHT?
YOU BET! GOOD, GOOD!
IN ANY CASE, STUDENTS LIKE YOU ARE DEFINITELY A NECESSARY COMPONENT OF OUR SCHOOL.
...

SO, HOW ARE YOUR PARENTS? I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM THEM IN QUITE SOME TIME.
MY MOTHER'S BUSY GOING ON HER CONSTANT VISITS TO DEPARTMENT STORES,
AND MY FATHER'S PREOCCUPIED WITH BEING ENTERTAINED
OH~, IS THAT RIGHT? THOSE THINGS ARE ALSO WORK~. HA HA HA!
...!
ANYWAY, THE REASON I'VE CALLED FOR YOU IS...
YOU DO KNOW ABOUT THE STRANGE RUMOR THAT'S GOING AROUND ABOUT YOU, DON'T YOU?

AS YOU KNOW WELL, OUR SCHOOL HAS BEEN TRUSTED BY PARENTS FOR HAVING A SERENE, EDUCATIONAL ATMOSPHERE.
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?
I DON'T KNOW HOW THINGS WERE WITH YOU IN THE PAST... BUT DON'T UPSET THE BALANCE OF OUR SCHOOL, ESPECIALLY NOW THAT GRADUATION IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER.
YOUR PARENTS IN PARTICULAR HAVE COME TO ME WITH THEIR SPECIAL CONCERNS...
..
SO PLEASE, STAY QUIET.
!
SO JUST AS I EXPECTED, YOU'RE SAYING THAT I WAS A STUDENT YOU NEEDED TO KEEP AROUND FOR THE MONEY.
HA! HA!
HA!
HA!

WELL, IT DOESN'T BUG ME ALL THAT MUCH TO SEE YOU TREAT ME SO POLITELY, AND ITS NOT EVEN MY MONEY ANYWAY.
I CAN GO NOW, RIGHT?
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?
SLAM
INSOLENT PUNK...
DA!!

LET ME COME WITH YOU.
SO, YOU STUDIED UNTIL LATE TODAY.
.....
I WAS READING PORN MAGAZINES
FOR 4 HOURS.
LET'S PRAY FOR A MOMENT.
YOU WANT ME TO PRAY AND THEN GO OUT DRINKING?
DRINKING ?

I'M GOING DRINKING TODAY, SO WHY DON'T YOU GO BACK.
THEN LET'S GO TOGETHER!
WHAT ARE YOU, CRAZY? GOING DRINKING WITH MY TEACHER?
I'M COMING!
WELCOME.
...UNDERAGERS...

HERE, I'M WITH THE GUARDIAN.
SHE TEACHES AT OUR SCHOOL.
DID YOU SAY SHE TEACHES? SHE LOOKS TOO YOUNG.
I'M SORRY, BUT CAN I SEE YOUR ID?
EXCUSE ME?
.....

VIEW 24.
TWO SLEEPING BAGS

SO WE ATTACK DAI LEE, WHO'S FAST ASLEEP IN HIS SLEEPING BAG. IS THAT THE PLAN?
WE'LL ALL FUCK UP DAI LEE TOGETHER AND NOT EVEN GIVE HIM THE CHANCE TO KNOW WHAT HIT HIM.
THAT'S THE MOST DEFINITE WAY TO DESTROY THE BASTARD IN ONE GO.
WHAT DO YOU GUYS THINK?
I'M IN!
ME TOO, NO DOUBT!
I'M IN!
FOR SURE!
MOST DEF!

GOSH, I'M SO SICK AND TIRED! IF I DIDN'T HAVE TO SEE YOUR FACE, MY LIFE WOULD BE WORLDS BETTER.
JUST BECAUSE YOU QUIT SCHOOL, YOU'RE GONNA WASTE YOUR LIFE AWAY IN THIS LITTLE SHITHOLE? WHY DON'T YOU GO OUT AND AT LEAST MAKE SOME MONEY TO BRING BACK?
QUIET--I SHUT UP, PLEASE!
G-GOODNESS GRACIOUS! LISTEN TO HIM TALK TO HIS MOTHER IN SUCH A MANNER!
WHAT'S GOTTEN YOUR PANTIES IN A BUNCH THIS TIME MOM?
JUST LEAVE MY BRO ALONE!
MY GOOD LORD--, I SIMPLY DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW HE TAKES CARE OF HIS OLDER BROTHER WITH EVERY SINGLE THING, WHEN HE'S NOT EVEN HALF THE PERSON THAT HIS YOUNGER BROTHER IS
...!

YOU HERE?
BRO--, SERIOUSLY, WHY DON'T YOU GO LOOK FOR A JOB AND NOT SIT AROUND HERE LIKE THIS?
FORGET IT. WHY SHOULD I HAVE TO GO MAKE MY OWN MONEY AT THIS AGE?! I DON'T WANNA GET NO STUPID JOB.
IF ONLY DAI HADN'T BETRAYED US .. IF ONLY THAT BASTARD HADN'T PLASTERED THE SCHOOL WITH THOSE HUGE FUCKIN' POSTERS.....
I WOULDN'T BE LIVIN' LIKE THIS.
ACTUALLY, I'M JUST COMIN' FROM A MEETING. WE JUST DECIDED ON A PLAN TO DESTROY DAI.
WHAT IS IT--?
KIDS SAY THAT DAI HASN'T BEEN GOING BACK HOME RECENTLY. WORD IS THAT HE'S BEEN SLEEPIN' AT SCHOOL.
REALLY--?

...
STILL, DON'T MESS WITH DAI OR GET INTO A FIGHT WITH HIM TOO EASILY.
THERE ARE A LOT OF SO-SO KIDS WHO CAN WIELD POWER. BUT DAI'S IN A TOTALLY DIFFERENT LEAGUE THAN THOSE KIDS.
...
the best materials
OPEN
WHY HAVE YOU ORDERED SO MUCH FOOD?
I HAVE TO EAT A LOT SINCE YOU'RE TREATING

YOU WOULDN'T ASK ONE OF YOUR STUDENTS TO GET THE TAB, WOULD YOU?
R...RIGHT, OF COURSE NOT.
PHEW. I DON'T FEEL SO BAD WASTING MONEY IF I THINK THAT I'M BUYING THE DINNER FOR ONE OF MY STUDENTS. BUT THIS WOULD BE FOR POOR KIDS
MS. JIN, WHY DON'T YOU STOP FOLLOWING ME AROUND FROM NOW ON.
I'M TRYING TO STOP GOING AROUND AND ACTING LIKE A THUG, I'M EVEN TRYING TO GET MY MIND ON SCHOOL. BUT IF I KEEP SEEING YOU, IT MAKES ME FEEL LIKE I'VE STILL GOT A LONG WAY TO GO.
...!

WILL I HAVE TO SHED TEARS AND BE MOVED BY YOUR HEART-WRENCHING LOVE TOWARDS YOUR STUDENTS?
YOU RE...
!
MY EYES CAN'T BE DECEIVED.
YOU GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL WITHOUT TROUBLE IS NOT ALL THERE IS.

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING HAS GOTTEN BETTER-? YOUR EYES LOOK JUST THE SAME-.
IF YOU DON'T CHANGE WHEREVER YOU ARE WILL. JUST BE A HAMSTER IN A WHEEL, WHETHER IT BE SCHOOL OR THE SOCIETY.
YOU HAVE TO BECOME A BIT MORE FLEXIBLE IF YOU WANT TO SPREAD YOUR WINGS TO LIVE YOUR DREAMS. AND IF YOU WANT TO MAKE USE OF YOUR ABILITIES AND TALENTS.
WHAT I MEAN IS, YOU HAVE TO BE ABLE TO LOOK AT THE WORLD WITH AN OPEN-MINDEDNESS.
THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A CORRECT ANSWER IN THIS WORLD.
HAVEN'T YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT THE FACT THAT MAYBE THE WAY YOU LOOK AT ME IN AND OF ITSELF IS PREJUDICED?
IT MAY BE SO... BUT IF YOU FORGIVE A LOT, YOU LL ULTIMATELY GAIN A LOT MORE.

WHAT IF YOU CAN'T FORGIVE
THEN YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE THE MANY TRUTHS BECAUSE YOU'RE HIDING BEHIND THE HATRED.
NOT EVERY TRUTH IS A BEAUTIFUL THING.
THE TRUTH MAY NOT ALWAYS BE BEAUTIFUL.
BUT IT'S STILL WORTH IT.

DO YOU THINK IT'S CONCEIT FOR ONE HUMAN BEING TO TRY AND CHANGE ANOTHER?
I'M SAYING THAT IT'S FULL OF DISGUSTING CONCEIT.
I'M SORRY IF MY ACTIONS SEEM THAT WAY TO YOU.
THE MORE I TALK TO YOU, THE MORE I FEEL LIKE DON'T KNOW YOU
DON'T TRY TOO HARD TO KNOW ME. YOU AND I ARE DIFFERENT TYPES OF HUMANS, ANYWAY
THERE ARE SPECIES IN THIS WORLD THAT YOU CAN'T GRASP. EVEN IF YOU TRY TO STRETCH OUT YOUR ARMS TO HOLD THEM.
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE A GOD.
EVEN GOD PUNISHES PEOPLE FOR THEIR FAULTS, BUT YOU TRY TO EMBRACE EVERYTHING WITH LOVE?

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SO, THEN, HOW DO YOU TRUST YOUR OWN LOVE?
IF YOU REFUSE ALL THOSE THINGS, JUST WHERE IS YOUR LOVE?
KHWUMP
I'M REAL SICK OF YOUR COCKINESS.
WHAT IN GOD'S NAME DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
WUOSH

PAY UP WITH THIS, AND GO BACK. EVEN IF YOU GIVE YOURSELF POINTS FOR "SAVING" ME, THE MONEY OUR FOLKS PAY YOU TO DO THAT SHIT WON'T COVER THE TAB.
STOP THERE!
I'M JUST EXPRESSING MY HATRED TOWARDS YOU, MS. JIN
STOP RIGHT THERE!
STOP...

WHAT'S GOIN' ON? THE DATE'S NOT SET YET?
NAH~ IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE DAI-OXIN IS JUST GONNA LET THIS GO QUIETLY.
YO, YO~. DAI LEE AND DAI-OXIN AREN'T THE ONLY BIGSHOTS IN OUR SCHOOL. WE GOT GOOHEE JANG, TOO~!
WHAT IF THIS SHIT ENDS UP ALL TALK AND NO FOLLOW THROUGH? THERE'S EVEN RUMORS GOIN' AROUND THAT DAI LEE'S GONE ON THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW, LIKE SOME BOY SCOUT.
TRUE THAT. BUT PEOPLE SAY HE'S TOO NICE TO REALLY BE PART OF THE GANGSTA WORLD.
PLUS, I HEAR HE'S BEIN' MAD CAREFUL, 'CAUSE HE WANT'S TO FINISH SCHOOL WITHOUT A NITCH THIS YEAR.

FIGHT HIM FAIR AND SQUARE?
YOU CRAZY? I'M NOT RISKIN' THAT KINDA DANGER—
STARTING FROM THAT DAY ON, DAI LEE IS NO LONGER BE THE GUY THAT DECIDES WHETHER WE LIVE OR DIE.
DON'T WORRY! I'VE BEEN KEEPIN' A CLOSE WATCH OH ALL THE SHIT HE DOES.
HE AIN'T SMART ENOUGH TO GET ALL CAUTIOUS AROUND ME.
IT DOESN'T FUCKIN' MATTER IF HE'S OUR UPPERCLASSMAN OR NOT.
WE'VE GOTTA WATCH OUT FOR THE PERFECT CHANCE!

BAP!
BAP!
DID YOU GET KICKED OUTTA YOUR HOUSE OR SOMETHIN'?
OR IS THIS CAUSE YOU'VE BEEN WORKIN' OVERTIME AT YOUR NIGHT JOB?
....
LEMME SLEEP
SHIT! WHAT, YOU IGNORING ME?
DON'T JUST SIT THERE NAPPIN' FOR HOURS. GO OUT THERE AND PUT THAT BULLSHIT RUMOR THAT'S BEEN GOIN' AROUND SCHOOL TO SLEEP
WHATCHA GONNA DO ABOUT IT? YOU GOT THE ENTIRE SCHOOL MAD EXCITED.

STOP HITTING ME WHILE I'M TELLING YOU NICELY.
AAGH~, YOU LITTLE PRICK!
HOW'S IT THAT YOU'RE STILL SAYIN' SUCH AWESOME THINGS, EVEN AT A TIME LIKE THIS?!
STOP YAKKING!
FROOSH
SHIT! I CAN'T DO THIS SHIT ANYMORE.
SHIT!
WHAT D'YOU SAY?
LET ME SLEEP, PLEASE.
C'MON, WHY DON'T YOU STOP JOKIN' AROUND? WE GOTTA CLEAN.

I GOT NEWS.

GOOD NIGHT, THEN.
I'M CALLING IT A NIGHT.
GOOD NIGHT.
...
WE'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW, MR. VICE PRINCIPAL!

IT'S QUIET.
THE SCHOOL'S SO CALM. IT'S REALLY WEIRD.
IT'S LIKE WHEN YA STOP BREATHIN' RIGHT BEFORE YOU BURP.
YOU STOP BREATHING BEFORE YOU BURP, BOSS?
SHUT IT!
HEY, BY THE WAY, DIDJA BRING THE GYM KEY BACK?
YEAH--, BUT DAI TOLD ME NOT TO LOCK THE DOORS, SO I DIDN'T LOCK UP. I JUST BROUGHT THE TEACHER THE KEY.
DAI'S STILL INSIDE THE GYM?
...
THAT DUDE... HE'S BEEN ACTIN' WEIRD LATELY. SEEMS FOR SURE THAT HE LEFT HOME.
MAYBE HE DOESN'T HAVE A PLACE TO GO
SHOULD I BRING HIM TO MY CRIB AND LET HIM SLEEP THERE?

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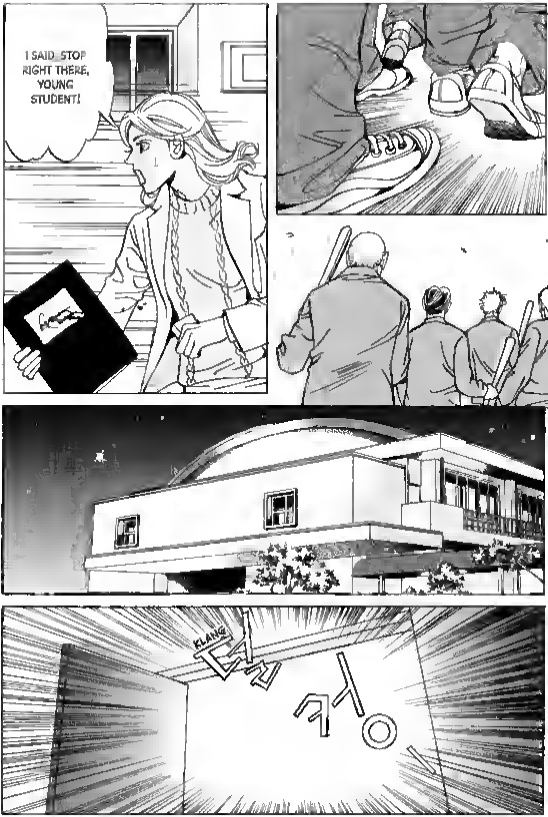
BAPP
HEY! YOUNG MAN! YOUNG STUDENT!
STOP RIGHT THERE, YOUNG STUDENT!


I SAID, STOP RIGHT THERE, YOUNG STUDENT!
KLANG!

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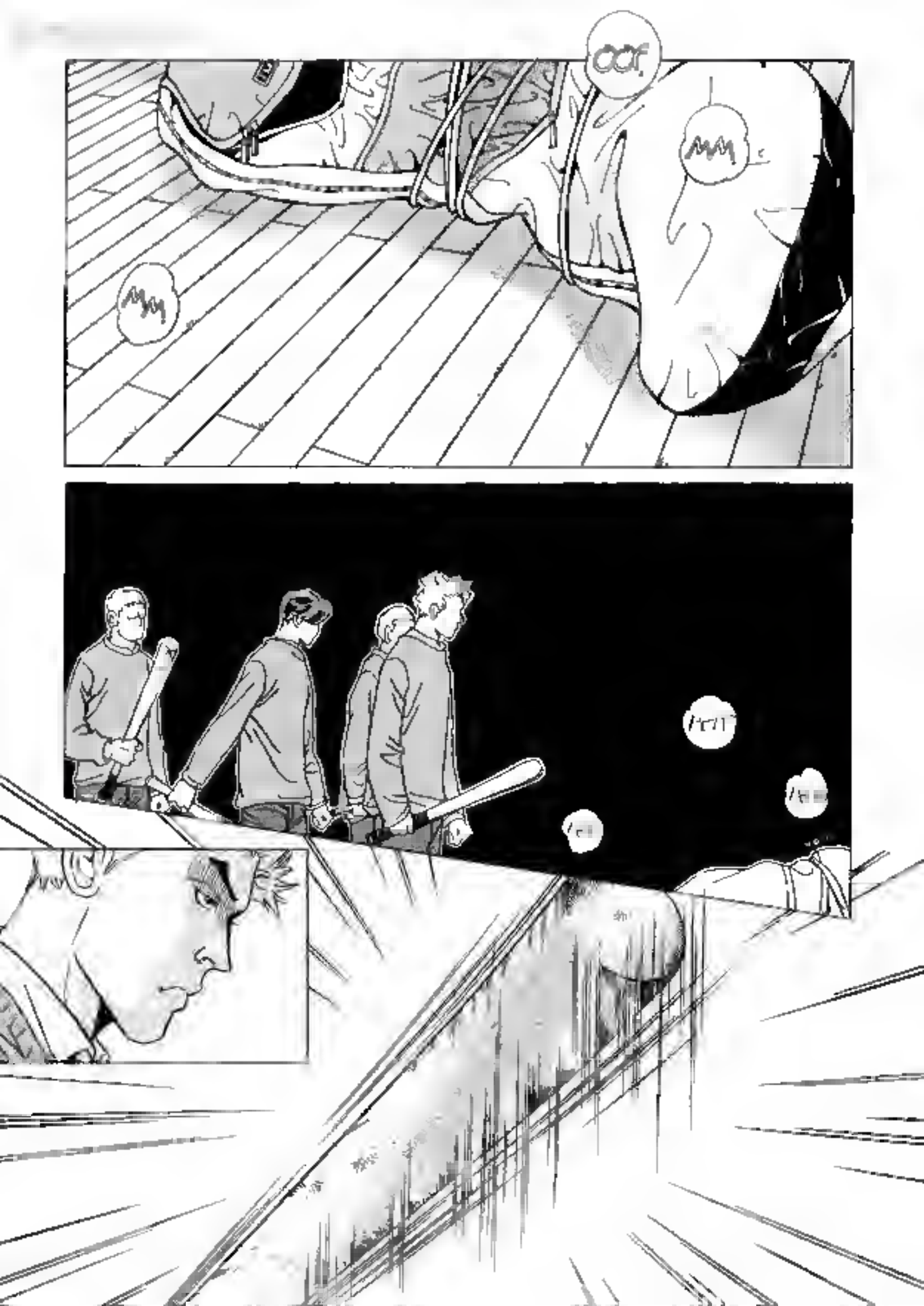
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MOTHERFUCKER--I YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW LONG I'VE WAITED FOR THIS DAY.
TODAY'S YOUR FUNERAL, YOU SHITHEAD!
MOVE YOUR ASSES AND GRIND THIS BASTARD INTO DUST!
WHAT'RE YOU ALL WAITING FOR, RETARDS?!
OOPF
FLAT

OOF.
SHIT!
DAMN IT, YOU FUCKING NUMBNUTS DOUCHEBAGS !
DO I HAVE TO SHOW YOU HOW TO GET THIS DONE, TOO? YOU FUCKHEADS--!
PHAK

...I'M GONNA END YOU RIGHT HERE. END YOU.
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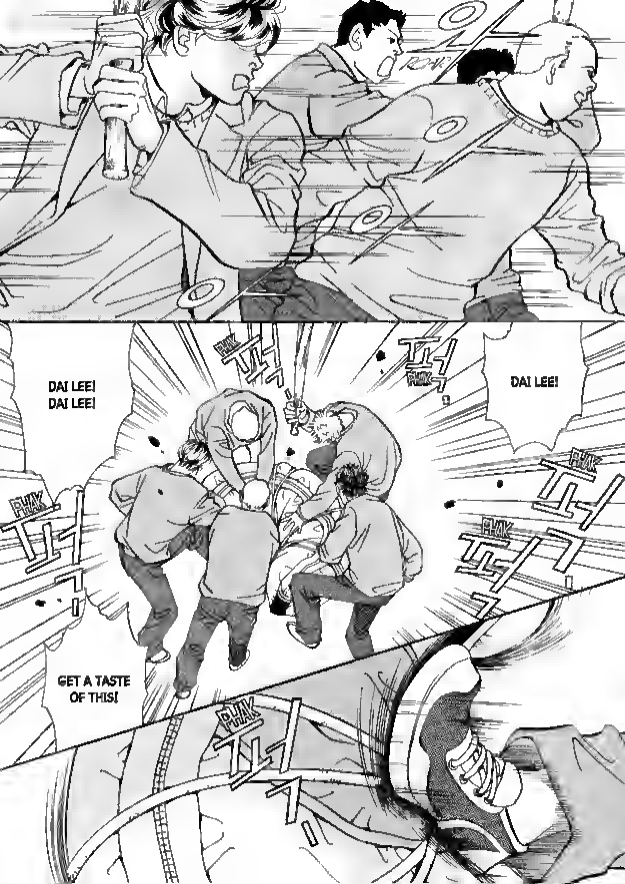
DAI LEE!
DAI LEE!
DAI LEE!
GET A TASTE OF THIS!

THE KIDS WERE GETTING MORE AND MORE SUCKED IN BY THE RHYTHM OF THE VIOLENCE
PHAK.
PHAK.
THE KICKING THAT WAS DIRECTED AT THE BURDENSOME PERSON, WHO THEY WANTED TO DISAPPEAR FROM THE SCHOOL FOREVER...
WAS FLAILING ABOUT EMPTILY IN THE MIDST OF UNEASINESS

STRANGELY ENOUGH, TO SOME KIDS THE MORE THEY KICKED
THE MORE THE PERSON THEY WERE KICKING TURNED INTO SOMETHING PALPABLE TO BE AFRAID OF
AS IF DAI WAS ABOUT TO JUMP UP AND OUT OF THE SLEEPING BAG AT ANY MOMENT...
LET'S STOP NOW.
THAT STUPID FUCKER...
OVER THERE..
I FEEL LIKE SHIT
WAIT...

THAT FUCKER ...
ANOTHER SLEEPING BAG?
WHAT'S THAT?
WHAT? WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED?
HOW DID THAT RETARD GYOOHONG TAKE CARE OF THIS?
WHAT THE HELL...?
THIS IS FUCKIN' NUTS.
WHAT IS IT?
LET'S GO CHECK IT OUT!

WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON? THIS IS JUST MY LUCK..
WAIT...I WAS THAT MOANING
TAKE THIS!
PIAK
THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!
FUCK! I DON'T CARE IF THAT'S DAI OR NOT!
WE'LL JUST SMASH 'EM INTO PIECES, THAT'LL SOLVE EVERYTHING
WHAT, ARE YOU CRAZY, YOU DUMBASS?
HEY! WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO IF THE ONE OVER THERE'S DAI?!
OW...

ALL WE GOTTA DO IS CHECK THE FACE.
GLAP!
HEY—I WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO IF THAT'S REALLY THE FUCKER?!
ARE YOU GONNA STOP THE RETALIATORY SHIT THAT'S FOR SURE GONNA HAPPEN AFTER THIS? YOU RETARD.
ONE OF 'EM'S GOTTA BE DAI LEE.
WE JUST BEAT THE SHIT OUTTA HIM!
THE KIDS FELT SOMETHING HAD GONE WRONG. THE ANXIETY FROM THAT MADE THEM ACT OUT IN AN IRRATIONAL PANIC.

THE KIDS FELT EVEN UNEASIER STOPPING WHAT THEY WERE DOING RIGHT THEN AND THERE
THE BOILING BLOOD THAT HAD BEEN HEATED BY VIOLENCE HAD ALREADY SET AT THEIR FINGER TIPS.
AHH... YEAH WHAT'S HAPPENED TO ME?
I WAS CHASING THAT FRESHMAN, AND THEN SUDDENLY, SOMEONE JUMPED OUT...
RIGHT... I LOST CONSCIOUSNESS. BUT, WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY BODY?
IT FEELS SO HEAVY. I CAN'T BREATHE. WHAT'S GOING ON? WHAT PUT ME IN THIS CONDITION?

WHAP
AAHHHH
!
!

DID YOU HEAR SOMETHING?
.....
FUCK!
THUMP
WHO CARES WHO'S IN HERE?!
PHAK
PHAK
PHAK

I CAN'T STAND YOU! DIE!
PHAK
DID YOU GO CRAZY OR SOMETHING?
THE SITUATION PROGRESSED RAPIDLY THE KIDS WANTED TO BRUSH OFF THE DISCOMFORT AS FAST AS THEY COULD
PHAK
YOU CAN JUST DIE.
FUCK!
HEY! STOP! STOP!
SOMETHING AIN'T RIGHT! SOMETHING'S WRONG—!
THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU SHOULD BE TAKING IT OUT ON THAT THING WITHOUT A PLAN, MORON!
WAIT... WAIT...
OOF
OOF

WASN'T THAT JUST A GIRL'S VOICE?
A GIRL?!
THERE'S NO GIRL IN THERE, YOU CRAZYASS.
NO WAY!
IT WAS. THAT DEFINITELY SOUNDED LIKE A CHICK.
THEN HOW WOULDJA EXPLAIN THE BULKY BODY FROM EARLIER?
DAI'S IN A TOTALLY DIFFERENT LEAGUE THAN THOSE KIDS
WHOOSH
WE HAVE TO CHECK IF THAT WAS EVEN DAI BEFORE!
.....

DAMN! WHY'S IT SO HARD TO UN-TIE THIS SHIT?!
GULP
WHAT THE HELL...?
IS THIS?
THIS SLEEPING BAG— AND THAT ONE...
THEY'RE WAY DIFFERENT IN SIZE...

SHUT THE FUCK UP BEFORE I CRUSH ALL YOU FUCKERS!!

UH... UH...
NO FREAKIN' WAY!
WHEN THE KIDS WERE FACED WITH THE REALITY OF THEIR UNEASINESS, THE RESULT OF THEIR IRREVERSIBLE MISTAKE STARED AT THEM WITH A DISTORTED FACE.
AND WHAT THEY SAW BEYOND THAT WAS A GREAT TERROR CALLED DAI

THIS IS IT.
WE'RE FUCKIN' DONE!
WHAT THE HELL DID
WE JUST DO?
AS IF TO
REMEMBER
THE KIDS' FACES
CLEARLY...
THE VICE
PRINCIPAL
LOCKED HIS EYES
ON THEM, USING
ALL OF HIS MIGHT
TO STARE THEM
DOWN
THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN
HE FELL TO THE GROUND
WITH A DULL THUD
THE MOMENT THE SILENCE
ENDED, A STIR AMONG
THE KIDS SHOOK THEM
TO THEIR CORES.

GYOOHONG, THAT BASTARD! HE'S THE ONE WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE TIED DAI DOWN--!
THAT PRICK BETRAYED US! THIS IS A TRAP!
THEN... THEN, WHO IS THAT?
WHO'S IN THAT SLEEPING BAG?
DON'T ASK ME. MOVE YOUR ASS AND OPEN IT, YOU FOOLS--.
I CAN'T--. I'M NOT GONNA DO THIS
I DON'T WANNA DO IT, EITHER!
THE KIDS DIDN'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO FACE YET ANOTHER PLAGUE HEAD ON.

KLANG.
THE FUCK CARES WHO'S INSIDE THAT THING?! I'M OUTTA HERE, MAN.
YE...YEAH. IA WANNA BLOW THIS JOINT, AND FAST.
I THINK THAT'D BE THE BEST IDEA.
KWAM.
HUH?
THUMP.

DAI LEE--!
YOU DON'T FEAR YOUR UPPERCLASSMEN AT ALL, AND NOW YOU'VE GONE AND WHACKED THE VICE PRINCIPAL--.

WITH THIS BASEBALL BAT-- MAN~, THEY'RE ONE SCARY CREW,
HOW'S CHANGSOO DOING?
....

ANSWER MY QUESTION!
!
TAP
...YES...
BY THE WAY...
!

YOU CAN'T JUST TAKE OFF AFTER YOU'VE BEATEN THE LIVING SHIT OUTTA SOMEONE.
YOU SHOULD AT LEAST TAKE 'EM TO THE HOSPITAL.

WHAT A PROUD OLD FART-- PASSED OUT WITH HIS TEETH CLENCHED ALL TIGHT.
YOU LITTLE SHITS, STOMPING ALL OVER HIM AS HARD AS YOU COULD, THINKING IT WAS ME.
AS IF I'D FALL FOR THAT KIND OF PATHETIC, DUMBASS SCHEME.
WITH THE KIDS' ASHEN TERRIFIED FACES IN THE BACKGROUND..
DAI STARTED MUMBLING WITH AN OVERLY PEACEFUL LOOK ON HIS FACE.
THANKS TO YOU PUNKS, GYOOHONG'S ASS IS GRASS.

IT WAS SO MUCH EASIER THAN I'D EXPECTED, THE WAY YOU ALL FOLLOWED MY PLAN.
I'D BEEN LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY MYSELF.
WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED?

YOU LIKED MONEY THAT MUCH?
ENOUGH TO HAVE JAEHEE TRANSFER OUT...

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
QUIET DOWN, YOU FUCKTARDS.

THIS SCHOOL MIGHT'VE BEEN NOTHING TO YOU BUT A WAY FOR YOU TO GAIN YOUR POWER...
BUT KIDS SPEND TIME HERE THAT THEY'RE GONNA REMEMBER FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES.

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YOU PUNKS .. CLEAN THIS MESS UP!
GET HIM TO THE HOSPITAL, NOW. HE'LL REMEMBER YOUR FACES ONE BY ONE ONCE HE'S THERE AND COMES TO.
WHO THE FUCK IS IN THAT BAG?!

WHO'S IN THERE?
WHY DON'T YOU TRY OPENING IT YOURSELF?
NOW! YOU ASSHOLE!

FUCK.
HUKK!
AAHH.
AAAHH

ooo…

SHE'S SO FRAGILE SHE DIDN'T EVEN GET TO SCREAM, SHE PASSED RIGHT OUT!
CRUEL BASTARDS... YOU METALHEADS HAVE NO SENSE, YOU JUST HAVE MUSCLES...
WHY'D YOU HAVE TO TAKE IT THIS FAR?
.....
YOU THINK I'M GONNA BACK DOWN AT THIS SHIT?
YOU'RE TRYING TO FRAME US FOR ALL THIS--?!

FUCK THAT—! WE'RE ALL GOIN' DOWN, THEN!
NEY!
HE'S A TOTAL DOG! YOU REALLY WANNA GET A TASTE OF YOUR UPPERCLASSMEN?
THIS ASSHOLE STILL DON'T HAVE IT STRAIGHT—
YOU SONS A BITCHES—!
YOU ALL WANNA DIE TODAY?
WHY DID YOU DRAG CRANGELA INTO THIS, FUCK—!
YOU REALLY PUSHED US TO THE LIMIT!
I DON'T GIVE A MOTHERFUCKIN' DAMN IF YOU'RE OUR UPPERCLASSMEN! I'M GONNA KILL ALL OF YOU, YOU SONS OF BITCHES!

PHW
AK
YOU... WENT COMPLETELY NUTS.
UGH...
IF YOU FUCK UP LIKE THAT ONE MORE TIME...
YOU WON'T HAVE NO TEETH LEFT IN YOUR MOUTH.
PHTOO!
I TOLD YOU, I'M NOT SOMEONE YOU CAN HANDLE.

ALL OF YOU, FALLEN IN THIS TRAP, REFLECT ON WHAT YOU DID UNTIL YOU'RE SICK AND TIRED OF REFLECTING!
YOU PUNKS DID SOMETHING THAT NONE OF YOUR PEERS COULD EVEN DARE DREAM OF DOING. BEATING UP YOUR OWN TEACHERS...
THE NEWS WILL PROBABLY DO A BIG FEATURE ON THIS ONCE WORD GETS OUT.
I SURE HOPE THEY DO.
TONIGHT WE BRING YOU THE STORY OF HOW AN OVERLY-AMBITIOUS WOMAN, A TEACHER, WORE THE DISGUISE OF AN ANGEL, WORKING ALONGSIDE A FILTHY VICE PRINCIPAL WHO WAS CHOCK FULL OF LUST...
THESE TWO RULED THEIR SCHOOL WITH A COMMON GOAL...

I DON'T KNOW THE VICE PRINCIPAL'S DEAL, BUT MS. CRANGELA AIN'T LIKE THAT!
IS THAT RIGHT?
THEN YOU FUNK'S SHOULD'VE FOLLOWED CRANGELA'S TEACHINGS,
AND TURNED YOURSELVES INTO MODEL STUDENTS.
FORCING ANOTHER PERSON TO LIVE A RIGHTEOUS LIFE
ALSO MAKES ME SICK!

WE'RE ALL GONNA GET FRAMED FOR THIS?
SO...
USE YOUR GOD DAMN HEAD AND FIGURE A WAY OUT OF IT IF YOU'RE SO SCARED!
IF THESE TEACHERS NEVER GET UP AGAIN, YOUR FATE IS SEALED AND YOU'RE FUCKED FOR LIFE.
AFTER STARING AT DAI WHO DIDN'T SEEM TO POSSESS EVEN THE SLIGHTEST TRACE OF FEAR
THE KIDS NOW STARED AT DAI OXIN WHO WAS STRUCK DUMB AND JUST STOOD THERE WITH A BLANK LOOK ON HIS FACE

STRAIGHTEN THOSE PUNKS OUT A BIT SO WE DON'T EVER GET INTO A MESS LIKE THIS AGAIN.
DON'T WORRY WE'LL MAKE SURE THEY'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO DISRESPECT US.
OF COURSE, GETTING THOSE TWO TO THE HOSPITAL IS WAY MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANY OFTHAT.
SNAP OUT OF IT, PUNKS! YOU WANNA GET THE LIVIN' SHIT BEAT OUTTA YOU TODAY?!
THE SCHOOL WAS QUIET AND PEACEFUL, AS IF IT HADN'T HAD ANY PART OF THAT HORRIBLE, UNSPEAKABLE INCIDENT
THE TRANQUILITY, STILL AS DEATH SEEPED INTO THE DEPTH OF DAI S SHADOW

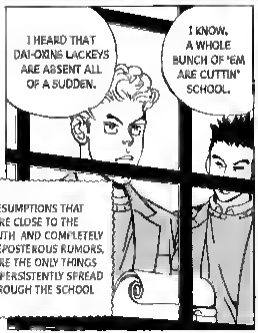
THE SCHOOL WAS NO LONGER THE SHALLOWEST TRAP HIM DOWN OR A STAGE FOR HIM TO RECITE THE POEM OF HIS LIFE
IT WASN'T A REFUGE WHERE HE COULD HIDE HIS BROKEN BODY
IT HAD JUST BEEN A PLACE WHERE JAEHEE HAD STAYED FOR A WHILE... AND WHEN HIS SCENT FLUTTERED INTO THE WIND, IT STOPPED DAI IN HIS TRACKS
IT WAS A PLACE THAT WAS FILLED WITH NOTHING BUT JAEHEE

AS WAS TO BE EXPECTED THE SCHOOL WAS TURNED UPSIDE DOWN THE NEXT DAY
THE WHOLE PLACE WAS HEAVY WITH THE WEIGHT OF THE SHOCK. ONCE THE TEACHERS FOUND OUT ABOUT WHAT HAD LANDED MS. JIN AND THE VICE PRINCIPAL IN THE HOSPITAL
WHAT ON EARTH IS GOING ON?
WHY DID THE VICE PRINCIPAL AND MS. JIN BOTH GET TARGETED?
FIVE FRESHMEN ARE ABSCENT TODAY, TOO... SEEMS LIKE THE STUDENT MONITOR'S BEEN TRYING TO GET A HOLD OF THOSE KIDS ALL DAY.
COULD THOSE KIDS HAVE...
I DON'T KNOW! WE CAN'T ASSUME ANYTHING AT THIS POINT, IT'S TOO EARLY

ANYWAY, I HEAR MS. JIN IS STILL UNCONSCIOUS.
THE VICE PRINCIPAL, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAS COME OUT OF IT, BUT HE'S KEEPING HIS LIPS SEALED.
WHY IN THE WORLD WERE THEY IN THAT HORRIBLE SITUATION TOGETHER?
SHHH! THAT'S ENOUGH.

HOW DAI PUSHED THE TWO ADULTS INTO THAT DARKNESS. HOW THE CAUSE OF THE INCIDENT POINTED TOWARDS DAI-OXIN AND HIS LACKEYS...

WHY EVERYONE SILENTLY AVOIDED ACCUSING DAI... NONE OF THESE *THINGS* MATTERED.



PRESUMPTIONS THAT WERE CLOSE TO THE TRUTH AND COMPLETELY PREPOSTEROUS RUMORS, WERE THE ONLY *THINGS* TO PERSISTENTLY SPREAD THROUGH THE SCHOOL

HOW TH' HELL DID TEACHERS GET MESSED UP IN A FIGHT BETWEEN TH' KIDS?
PEOPLE ARE SAYIN' THAT THE KIDS TOOK IT OUT ON THE TEACHERS INSTEAD OF DA...
NAH, NO WAY. THERE'S NO WAY ANYBODY'D PULL THAT KINDA SHIT UNLESS THEY WERE CRAZY.
MY HOMEROOM TEACH LOOKED TOTALLY SPACED-OUT DURIN' THE MORNING SESSION
SO YOU THINK THE RUMOR'S TRUE, THEN?
THE ONE ABOUT CRANGELA GETTIN' RAPED...
WHY DOES THE WHOLE SCHOOL HAVE SUCH A WEIRD ASS VIBE TODAY?
FOR REAL! ALL THE TEACHERS HAVE SUCH SERIOUS LOOKIN' FACES RIGHT NOW.
I GUESS IT IS. THE KIDS IN HER CLASS SAID SHE GOT REAL BEAT UP. SHE'S IN THE I.C.U., AND THEY'RE NOT EVEN ALLOWED TO GO SEE HER.
TELL ME 'BOUT IT
UGH, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE T'STUDY OR CONCENTRATE 'CAUSE OF THOSE PUNKS--- KEEP IT DOWN, YA BASTARDS!

MAN, THAT'S SOME SERIOUS SHIT,
WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN, ANYWAY? THOSE KIDS SHE USED TO GIVE LUNCH TO...
I HEARD SHE FED TONS OF KIDS...
MAN~, QUIT JOKIN' AROUND. HOW THE HELL COULD SHE FEED ALL THOSE KIDS EVERY DAY ON A TEACHER'S SALARY?
NO, FOR REAL DUDE I HEARD SHE'S EVEN PAYING FOR SOME KIDS' SCHOOL.
WHAT, IS SHE LOADED OR SOMETHING?
NAH SHE'S SUPPOSEDLY MAD CHEAP AND FRUGAL. SHE'S A REAL ANGEL, MAN AN ANGEL!
PEOPLE HAVE EVEN SAID SHE STILL TAKES CARE OF THE KIDS FROM HER OLE SCHOOL.

THIS IS A REAL AWESOME PLACE. I CAN REALLY BREATHE HERE!
IT MAKES ME HAPPY TO SEE YOU LIKE IT!
I USED TO COME HERE ALL THE TIME, SINCE IT'S A GREAT PLACE TO TAKE SOMEONE ON A DATE FOR THE DAY.

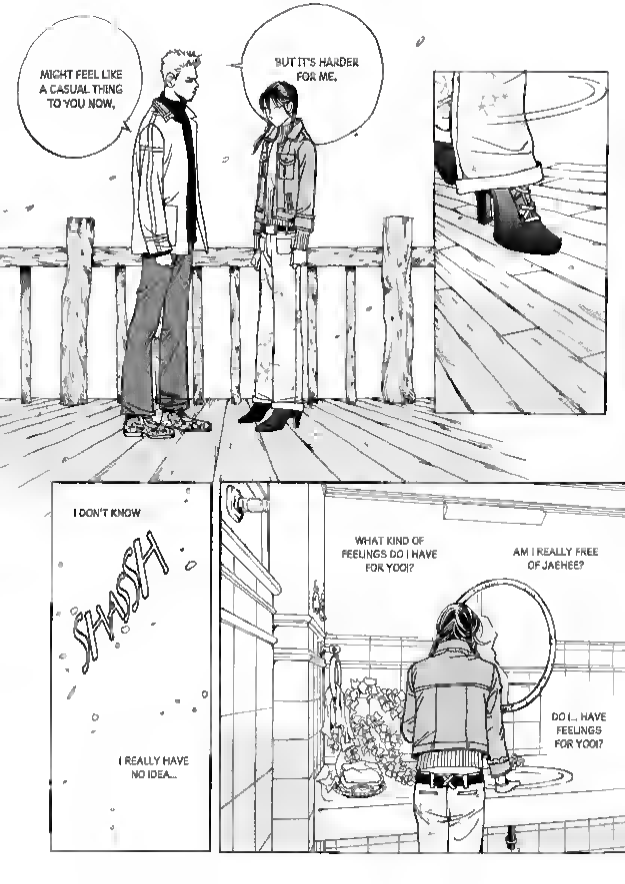
I SEE.
OKAY... SO, YOU'RE NOT JEALOUS, BUT DOESN'T THAT BOTHER YOU, EVEN A LITTLE?
OH, I GOT DISTRACTED BY SOMETHING FOR A MINUTE.
BY WHAT?

MY KID SISTER.
WE SPREAD HER ASHES SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE.
OH... I SEE.
THE WHOLE WAY HERE... I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT HER.
OH—OKAY. HOW DID YOU DECIDE TO COME TO THIS PLACE?
I CAME HERE WITH HIM... WE WERE LOOKING FOR THE OCEAN...

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO LEAN ON HIM... SO I'D APPROACH HIM, THEN GET DISAPPOINTED... AND THEN DISCOURAGED...
I COMPLETELY LOST MYSELF IN THOSE EYES OF HIS, THAT NEVER EVEN GAVE ME THE SLIGHTEST GLANCE.
I FELT SO MUCH SORROW, LETTING ALL THAT TIME GO BY WHILE FEELING TORMENTED...
AND... I WAS TRYING TO LEAN INTO HIS HEART, SINCE THERE WAS NOWHERE FOR ME TO LEAN IN AND BURY MYSELF

DO YOU... STILL FEEL THAT WAY?
I ASKED... DO YOU STILL FEEL THAT WAY.
WELL, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME...
THAT I'VE TALKED ABOUT HIM SO NONCHALANTLY.

TALKING ABOUT HIM...


MIGHT FEEL LIKE A CASUAL THING TO YOU NOW,
BUT IT'S HARDER FOR ME.
I DON'T KNOW
SHASH
I REALLY HAVE NO IDEA...
WHAT KIND OF FEELINGS DO I HAVE FOR YOO!?
AM I REALLY FREE OF JAEHEE?
DO I... HAVE FEELINGS FOR YOO!?

HAVE I REALLY BECOME THAT NONCHALANT ABOUT JAEHEE?
RRR
RRR
!
HELLO?!
JAEHEE!
THUMP

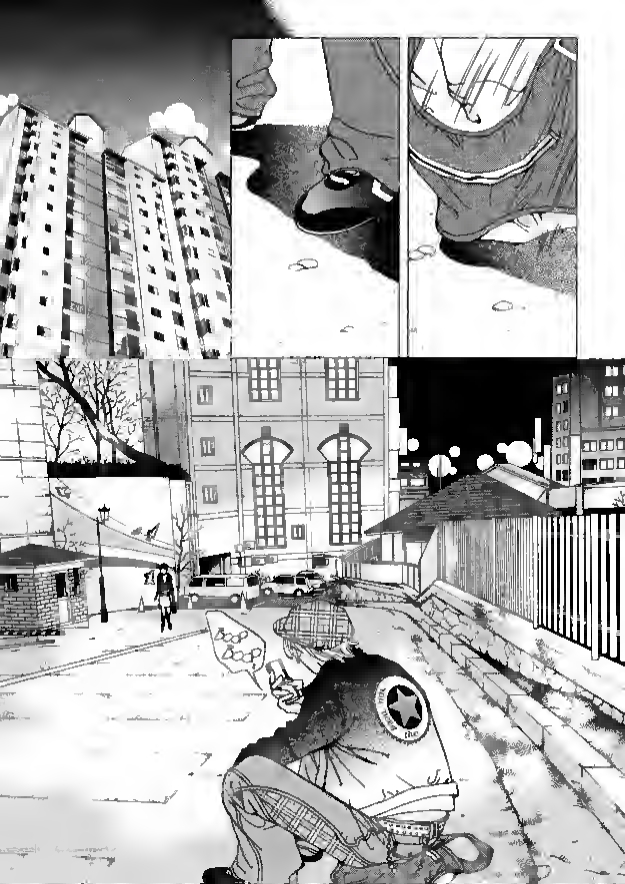
C'MON, TELL ME--! WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO GO BACK ALL OF A SUDDEN?
IS IT BECAUSE OF SOMETHING I SAID BEFORE?
NO, YOOL. PLEASE DON'T ASK ME ANY QUESTIONS!
.....
Vroom!

I NEVER THOUGHT ANYONE WOULD DO THIS TO ME! AND ESPECIALLY NOT A GIRL...
WE DROVE FOR OVER 3 HOURS TO GET TO THAT STUPID PLACE, JUST TO COME RIGHT BACK UP TO SEOUL AFTER HALF AN HOUR...
WHAT COULD BE SO IMPORTANT...
AREN'T YOU TAKING ME AS SOME KIND OF JOKE?
YOU'RE MISTAKEN, YOO!.
GET OUT!

AND, LET'S HURRY AND GO!
YOO!...
EVEN IF YOU'RE GOING SOMEWHERE TO MEET HIM,
I'LL KEEP THE PROMISE I MADE TO YOU.
WHAM
VROOM,

THE GIRL MET YET ANOTHER HURT
LONG AGO...
LOOKING AT YOO! SHE SAW HERSELF IN HIM THE GIRL STILL HURT AND LONGED FOR THE BOY'S EYES, AND WHO TURNED FROM THE OTHER BOY WHOSE HEART SHE HAD SHUNNED
SHE FELT HER ENERGY LEAVING HER FROM THE LONELY HURT

IS THE... PASSIONATE GIRL WHO TRIED TO PULL THE BOY'S ARM CLOSE TO HER IN THE DARK NO LONGER THERE?
WHY IS THE IMAGE OF HIS DESOLATE BACK STILL LINGERING IN HER HEART...
WHEN IT'S BEEN GONE FROM HER SIGHT FOR SOME TIME?
Loop
JAEHEE, I'M HERE. OKAY... SEE YOU AT THE ENTRANCE OF THAT FIRST ALLEY.



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